

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS

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Fulfilling the County's Duty to Provide Nutritional Care to Youth in Custody

California State law requires all juvenile detention halls and camps to meet minimum requirements regarding diets, food services plans and medical diets. Los Angeles County's (County) Department of Public Health is charged with monitoring compliance. Camp Challenger Memorial Youth Center has repeatedly violated these nutritional requirements by, among other things, failing to provide a minimum diet, failing to provide any medical diet prescribed for youth, failing to use an approved food services plan or menu, failing to provide enough food that meets the caloric intake requirements, and failing to ensure food does not contain too much dietary fat.

Other County Probation Department camps and halls have also been found to have repeatedly violated these nutritional requirements. (See Attachment 1 to this motion).

The Board of Supervisors has adopted various policies that encourage and

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ensure the County is engaging in optimal nutrition practices at all County operated or sponsored programs serving infants and children. The juvenile detention halls and camps should be no exception.

THEREFORE, I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Director of the Probation Department to report back to the Board in 30 days on a) how much is spent on food per meal, per detained youth at each hall and camp; and b) a written Corrective Action Plan to ensure Probation Department violations of State nutritional requirements at these halls and camps immediately cease.